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For: OPTICAL DISK REPRODUCING DEVICE	)	

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above referenced application.

Except US 5,649,660, the listed documents were cited in a Chinese Office Action dated December 14, 2007. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. If a translation of the Chinese Office Action is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative. Copies of the listed documents are attached for the Examiner's consideration.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

a. EP 1 051 573 B1. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached Chinese Office Action, the attached English language abstract, and the figures therein.

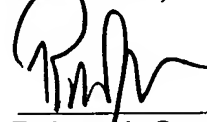
b. CN 1106723A. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached Chinese Office Action, the corresponding U.S. patent no. 5,649,660 attached hereto and the figures therein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of any such document. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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